

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-3, 5, 7 and 8 to read as follows.

1. (Currently amended) An ink jet recording apparatus for performing recording by discharging ink from recording means to a recording material, said apparatus comprising:

a cap capable of moving in approaching and receding directions against and away from a discharge port surface of ~~said~~ the recording means, said cap being for covering ~~said~~ the discharge port surface;

a wiper sliding while contacting with ~~said~~ the discharge port surface to wipe ~~said~~ the discharge port surface to clean it the discharge port surface;

a wiper driving gear for transferring drive to said wiper; and

a cam and gear member including a cam portion for controlling movement of said cap and a gear portion for transferring drive to said wiper driving gear, said cam and gear member configured so that said gear portion and said wiper driving gear are engaged with each other after said cap has moved to a position where said cap does not interfere with said wiper.

2. (Currently amended) An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said wiper passes between said cap and ~~said~~ the discharge port surface after said cap has moved to the position where said cap does not interfere with said wiper.

3. (Currently amended) An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cam portion and said gear portion of said cam and gear member are formed as ~~an individual~~ a single, integral component, and said cam portion and said gear portion are assembled to rotate at a same phase for forming said cam and gear member.

4. (Original) An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a wiper holder mounting said wiper thereon is moved by a lead screw.

5. (Currently amended) An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said cap is held by a cap holder, and said cap approaches toward or recedes ~~against said~~ away from the discharge port surface by a rotation of a lever member engaging with said cam portion and said cap holder.

6. (Original) An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising stopper means for regulating movement of said wiper when said gear portion is not engaged with said wiper driving gear.

7. (Currently amended) An ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said stopper means is comprises a tooth form capable of engaging with said wiper driving gear, said tooth form formed on ~~said~~ a lever member engaging with said cam portion and said cap holder.

8. (Currently amended) A recovery mechanism portion of an ink jet recording apparatus for performing recording by discharging ink from recording means to a recording material, said recovery mechanism portion comprising:

a cap capable of moving in approaching and receding directions ~~against~~ toward and away from a discharge port surface of ~~said the~~ recording means, ~~sad~~ said cap being for covering ~~said the~~ discharge port surface;

a wiper sliding while contacting with ~~said the~~ discharge port surface to wipe ~~said the~~ discharge port surface to clean it the discharge port surface;

a wiper driving gear for transferring drive to said wiper; and

a cam and gear member including a cam portion for controlling movement of said cap and a gear portion for transferring drive to said wiper driving gear, said cam and gear member configured so that said gear portion and said wiper driving gear are engaged with each other after said cap has moved to a position where said cap does not interfere with said wiper.